

LINE TROUBLE NEAR DAGGETT STOPS CURRENT TO HOOVER DAM

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OFF AT 10:31 A. M.

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The entire Hoover Dam project was paralyzed today when the electric current supply failed at 10:31 a. m., due to trouble on the line somewhere between Daggett and Midway, California.

All machinery driven by electricity on all parts of the project was tied up due to the lack of current, and many men were transported up to Boulder City from the canyon, unable to proceed with their work.

With a cold wind blowing in Boulder City, electric heaters all were rendered useless by the absence of the heat-producing current.

For the longest interruption in the history of the project, the power lack continued until afternoon. There had been but two slight interruptions to power before today on the project, the last one being when a plane crashed into the high tension line somewhere in California.

That stormy weather caused the interruption today was regarded as highly probable, and power company forces bent every effort to trace the source of the trouble.

The difficulty had been centered, by noon today, in the 26-mile stretch of line between Daggett and Midway. Daggett is 12 miles east of Barstow and Midway is 26 miles east of Daggett.

The Southern Sierras Power company supplies power for the entire project and Boulder City, by its high tension line, strung for 200 miles on steel towers between Victorville and Boulder City.

The power is broken down at the sub-station above the dam site and distributed to Boulder City and to various other parts of the project by dozens of lines of lesser voltage.

The power was off for exactly three hours and three minutes, the power company getting the line functioning again at 1:34 p. m.